

A Message From Mayor Lagergren

Celebrate what you've accomplished, but raise the bar a little higher each time you succeed. With the recent excitement around the World Cup, it seems appropriate to recognize the timeliness of this quote from Mia Hamm, a retired American professional soccer player. As 2022 comes to a close, we have much to celebrate as a community!



Our new city administrator, Andrea Aukrust, has completed her first full year with us! It's been slightly more than a year since Andrea joined our team and much has happened. Andrea has brought new insight, a positive spirit and a can-do attitude to our community. With her strong leadership, we have continued to grow and make the necessary improvements that will secure a positive future for our city.

The Historic Bandshell returned to its original home in Legion Park! This structure, built in 1900, served as a bandshell for concerts for 29 years before it was sold to a neighboring property owner and used as a garage for another 59 years. In 1988, it gained new life as a gazebo until it was donated to the Willkommen Preservation and Heritage Society in 2020. This summer it was returned to its original site and now proudly honors the important role music has played in our community's history.

Our community saw continued improvements with the installation of a new playground at NYA Legion Park and new paintings added to the Underpass! Legion Park was the site of much activity this year, including the installation of the Historic Bandshell plus an updated playground. In addition, a huge SHOUT OUT to this year's students from the Central Schools Art Program who added new mural paintings to the Underpass. These improvements continue to make our community a destination for new residents!

Second Avenue is finally completed! This large street project took two years to complete but resulted in much needed upgrades. The necessary improvements to the water/sewer infrastructure as well as the updated lift station will better meet the needs of the city for the next 20+ years.

Twelve new businesses opened in our community! Welcome to the following businesses who chose Norwood Young America as their new home: Harvey Law (Main Street); Floral Defined, LLC (Elm Street); Laundromat Sauber (Heritage Strip Mall); Seams Like a Good Idea (Mill Property); Alli B's Coffee and Boutique (Heritage Strip Mall); Whispering Willow Boutique (Main Street); My PUBs (Highway 212); Modern Design Cabinetry (Faxon Road); Bevens Creek Inn (Heritage Strip Mall); 4.0 Bus Company (Highway 212); Greenwood Marina (Industrial Park); PuroClean (Railroad Street); Silverthorn Photography (Elm Street).



The holiday season is full of opportunities to spend time with family and friends. Were you able to attend the Holiday Extravaganza or bring your children or grandchildren to Breakfast with Santa? Was your family able to pick up a tree from the Lion's Lot near Carquest or drive through town enjoying the beautiful lit yards of your neighbors and the city's parks? Whatever you choose to do with family and friends, I hope you took the time to put aside everything else and just enjoy the moment! **Aren't we lucky that Norwood Young America is more than just a place, it's the special place we claim as our home - a place we can make beautiful memories with family and friends!**

Happy Holidays!



2023 Calendars

Thank you to the NYA Fire Department for delivering over 2,600 Fire Prevention & Community Calendars to every household in the NYA fire district! Additional copies can be picked up at NYA City Hall.





Truth in Taxation Overview

On Monday, December 12th, the Council held their annual Truth in Taxation public hearing. This was an opportunity for city staff to share information on the City's budget process and to answer any questions about property taxes. Below you will find a summary of that discussion.

How does the City determine their budget for the year? Each fall, the City reviews the current year budget and determines wants and needs for the following year. There are four main components to our budget: General Fund, Capital Outlay/Equipment, Debt Service and Enterprise Funds. The General Fund covers most expenses of the city - including administration and staffing, public safety, streets, parks/trails, and building/grounds. This fund is financed by local property taxes (68%), state aid (19%) and miscellaneous fees (13%). The Capital Outlay/Equipment Fund primarily covers the purchase of large equipment and is funded entirely through property taxes. Debt Service covers the debt incurred in the past from street and building projects and is funded entirely through property taxes. Enterprise Funds include everything connected with sanitary sewer and water — including staffing, maintenance of treatment plants and infrastructure updates during street projects. This fund is financed by monthly utility fees and connection fees for new development.

The Property Tax Levy for the city went up 8%. What does that mean? In 2022, the city levied \$3,124,167 to meet anticipated expenditures. As the budget for 2023 was set, the city needed an additional \$250,715 (an increase of 8%) from local property taxes to balance the new budget. The additional \$250,715 will be shared by tax paying entities within the city limits - both residential and commercial - based on a property's taxable market value. The higher your taxable market value, the larger your portion of that amount will be. If you compare your city taxes from 2022 to 2023 and notice an increase greater than 8% based on a large increase in your taxable market value, some other entity within the city saw an increase less than 8% based on their taxable market value.

What will the additional 8% cover? The city will levy \$3,374,882 for the 2023 budget. It will cover the following areas: General Government expenses (including administration and staffing, public safety, streets, parks/trails, building/grounds) accounts for 55% of the property tax levy. Debt Service (including many past street and building projects) accounts for 19% of the property tax levy. Finally Capital Outlay and Equipment accounts for 26% of the property tax levy. Bigger projects planned for 2023 include a mill and overlay street project, the OldTown update (which has been levied in smaller amounts and saved over the past several years), additional monies toward sealcoating and crack sealing, railroad crossing repairs at Faxon and Reform and the purchase of land for the 2nd Industrial Park.

As a Council, we recognize that the 8% increase was larger than the past several years. Although we purposefully kept taxes low throughout the early years of the pandemic, this plan was not sustainable. With the current rate of inflation and cost of living, additional monies are needed to meet the future needs of the city. Thank you for your financial support — together we will continue to make the community better. Remember **Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's home** and our budget reflects our commitment to making it the best home possible.



Welcome to the Norwood Young America Business Community

The NYA Area Chamber of Commerce and NYA Economic Development Commission welcomed the following businesses with a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Bean's Greenwood Marina recently expanded their business to the Tacoma West Industrial Park at 410 Tacoma Circle. Greenwood Marina is a family-owned business of over 30 years and the only marina on Lake Minnetonka (St. Alban's Bay) to provide coverslips. Owners Aaron & Angie Bean's NYA expansion of Greenwood Marina allows for winter storage, engine/system checks, recharging, and cleaning of watercrafts. For more information, visit www.greenwoodmarina.com or call 952-474-7942.

PuroClean is known as the "Paramedics of Property Damage." They provide water damage restoration, fire and smoke damage remediation, mold removal, and biohazard cleanup to commercial and residential customers. PuroClean franchise owner Ryan Back and his crew, including Business Development & Marketing Manager Jean Olson, recently moved to 119 Railroad Street E. For more information on PuroClean and their services, visit www.PuroClean.com/pw-mn or call 952-246-0200.

Carquest Auto Parts of Norwood Young America offers automotive, truck, marine, agricultural, industrial needs, along with live bait and tackle right off Hwy 212 at 309 Faxon Rd N. New owners Mike & Cara Herrmann acquired Carquest on July 1, 2022, from the Buckentine family. For more information, call 952-467-2500, visit www.carquest.com/stores/mn/norwood-young-america, or stop by to say hi to Mike!

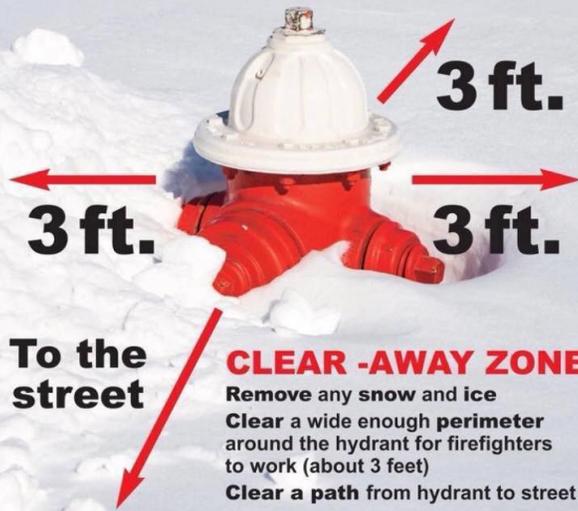


Winter Weather Reminders

KEEP'EM CLEAR

If there's a fire hydrant near your house, help keep it accessible this winter:

DO YOUR PART SO THEY CAN DO THEIRS



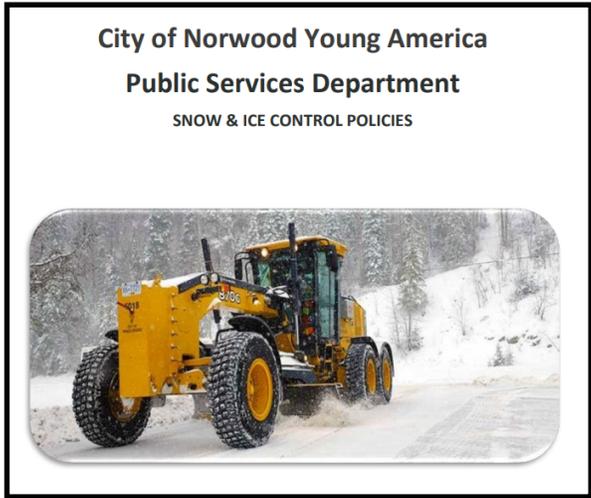
South Park Hockey Rink

Due to unseasonably warm weather, the ice at the hockey and skating rink is not quite ready. However, City Staff continues to monitor and will flood when conditions are favorable.

South Park is located at 321 South Street W. Other amenities include a free skate area, warming house, basketball court, and playground.

Snow and Ice Policy Handbook

Norwood Young America winter parking regulations are effective from November 1st –April 1st every year, regardless of if there is a snowfall. To view the City's [Snow and Ice Policy Handbook](#), visit the City website at www.cityofnya.com.



Ticket & Towing

The City will once again be enforcing its ticketing and towing of vehicles that are in violation of parking on city streets during a snow event which is the accumulation of two (2) or more inches of falling or blowing snow. Vehicles parked on a city street during a snow event will be ticketed, and if not moved within four (4) hours, towed. All fines for tickets are to be paid with the Carver County Court Administrator's Office. Vehicles that are towed will be taken to Smith Oil and Food Mart in Norwood Young America. Prior to getting their vehicle back, the vehicle owner will be required to pay all towing fees, show proof of vehicle ownership, proof of vehicle insurance, and a valid driver's license. The vehicle will also need to have up-to-date license and registration.

Designated Parking Areas

There are designated parking areas for residents who do not have off-street parking available during snow emergencies. Parking in the designated parking areas will be enforced from 2am-6am. The parking restrictions follow our city street parking ordinance as stated above (Ticket & Towing). The two designated parking spots within city limits are the north side of the Elm Street Municipal Parking Lot and the north side of Old City Hall/Food Shelf building. Watch for signs.

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Sump Pump Reminders

Sump pumps may not be discharged into the storm sewers between November 1st and April 1st. Doing so results in dangerous ice conditions on the City streets. Should you need to discharge your sump pump during this time, please do so on your own property, away from City streets, alleys and sidewalks.

24 Hour Snow Removal Required for City Sidewalks

Family Friendly Winter Activities

Beautiful Baylor Regional Park is right outside our back door!

10775 County Road 33, Norwood Young America

Did you know that Baylor Regional Park is a short 3 miles north on County Road 33 from Kwik Trip? For a little cold-weather fun, family entertainment and exercise, check out the groomed ski trails at Baylor Regional Park. Baylor has several miles of traditional groomed trails meandering through winter landscapes of woodland, prairies and along lakeshore. The trail system is groomed for traditional and skate skiing. For more information on Baylor or any of the other Regional Parks, call 952-466-5250 visit their website at CarverCountyParks.com.

@baylorregionalpark



Safe sidewalks and Clean Lakes

Carver County Water Management Organization Dec 2022

Wintertime brings a surge of chloride pollution into our lakes and rivers. When we use de-icing salt on our sidewalks, driveways, and roads, much of that salt ends up in bodies of water where it dissolves into chloride.

High chloride levels are toxic to fish, aquatic insects, and amphibians, and harms the aquatic ecosystem. It doesn't take much - just one teaspoon of salt contains enough chloride to permanently pollute five gallons of water! So far, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has identified 54 lakes and streams in Minnesota with chloride levels high enough to harm fish and other aquatic life, and 75 more water bodies are approaching unsafe levels.

Salt is also corrosive, damaging parking lots, walkways, bridges, and buildings. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, maintenance and repair of salt damage to roads, bridges, and automobiles in the U.S. costs around \$5 billion each year. In the landscape, chloride kills plants, trees, and lawns, and changes the soil chemistry so future plant growth is difficult. It can also harm our pets who may lick it off their paws or drink salty snowmelt.

Chloride is a permanent pollutant. Once in a lake or river, it's impossible to remove it safely and cost-effectively. The only way to reduce chloride levels in water is to use less salt.

Using the right practices keeps us safe from slips and falls and reduces negative impacts from salt. Follow these steps to prevent ice and use salt properly.

Shovel That Snow

The best way to prevent ice is to shovel. Shovel early and shovel often. Remove the snow and there is less there to get compacted and turn to ice, thus reducing the need for salt.

Watch Your Scatter

When applying salt, watch your scatter. Scatter the salt widely, leaving space between grains of salt. A coffee mug of salt is enough for 60-70 feet of sidewalk, or two parking spots. A hand or push spreader helps get the right distribution.

Watch the temperature

Rock salt (NaCl) is NOT useful when the temperatures are below 15°F. Even at 15°F it can take an hour to melt ice. Shovel and use a little sand for traction if needed during cold temperatures.

Sweep Up Leftovers

Salt only works once it is dissolved. If you can see salt on your driveway hours after it has been applied, it isn't doing any work. Sweep it up and use it again next time. Otherwise, it will just blow away or wash into storm drains with the next melt.

Thank you for helping protect our waters.

PLEDGE TO BE SALT SMART



1. Shovel

Clear walkways before snow turns to ice. Apply salt only if needed.



2. Select

Salt doesn't melt ice below 15°F. Use sand for traction when it's too cold, or a different de-icer.



3. Scatter

Use salt only where critical. Aim for 3 inches of space between salt granules.



4. Sweep

Clean up leftover salt, sand, and de-icer to save and reuse as needed.

Graphics courtesy cleanwatermn.org

NYA Happenings



Lions Bring Holiday Cheer

Both the NYA West Carver Lions and the NYA Lions have been busy the last few weeks bringing holiday cheer to the community!

The NYA Lions opened their Christmas tree lot next to CarQuest on November 25th. All proceeds of the tree sales go back to the community.

The NYA West Carver Lions hosted the 33rd Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 3rd at the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion. Santa & Mrs. Claus greeted hundreds of children (plus all the parents and grandparents!) with each child being presented with a bag breakfast, gift from Santa and toy from the Lions. A huge THANK YOU to the over 50 local businesses who support this free community event with their financial and gift donations! Another Thank You to the Stiftungsfest Ambassadors for their help for the morning!

The Lions club's worked together to deliver over 150 beautiful poinsettias to the senior facilities in the NYA community.

If you are interested in learning more about the local Lions, visit: NYA Lions: @nyalions, nyalionsclub@gmail.com—Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm

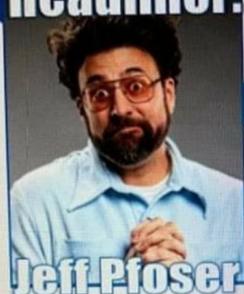
NYA West Carver Lions: @westcarverlions, nyawestcarverlions@gmail.com—Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm

Holiday Extravaganza Fun

The 2022 Holiday Extravaganza was held on Saturday, November 26th at the Willkommen Memorial Park. Families enjoyed taking pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus, the "Little Red Truck" display (Steve & Tammy Trebesch), WhoVille, and the festive holiday candy canes and lights in the park. Hot cocoa, cookies, and kids coloring activities were available inside the pavilion, while s'mores were offered outside. Local businesses and organizations displayed movie-themed holiday wreaths in the pavilion. Congratulations to On-Point Nutrition for winning "Viewers Choice" for their wreath rendition of the movie "Home Alone." Thank you to all businesses who supported this event with financial contributions, gift donations, and volunteers. A special thank you to the NYA Fire Department and Lano Equipment for helping with the haywagon rides. Holiday Extravaganza is held in conjunction with Small Business Saturday and organized by the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce.



Off the Rails Entertainment Presents:
Stand Up Comedy
 Join the NYA Lions for a 'ROARING' good time!

Headliner:  **Featuring:** 
 Hosted by Dan Hinnenkamp

Saturday January 14th
Willkommen Pavillion - 21 Main St E
Norwood Young America
 Showtime: 7:00pm Dinner: 6:00pm Doors: 5:30pm
 Tickets: \$20 Show only / \$35 Show & Steak Dinner
 50/50 Raffle Cash Bar
 Tickets Available at:
 Car Quest Auto Parts Citizens State Bank
 Good Time Liquors Old National Bank
 Pour House Pub NYA Lions Members
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December

Fri, Dec 23: City Hall Closed—Christmas Eve Observed
Sat, Dec 24: Christmas Eve
Sun, Dec 25: Christmas Day
Mon, Dec 26: City Hall Closed
Sat, Dec 31: New Year's Eve

January

Sun, Jan 1: Happy New Year!
Mon, Jan 2: City Hall Closed
Tues, Jan 3: Planning Commission Mtg 6pm City Hall
Wed, Jan 4: NYA Senior Center 10am-2pm Pavilion
Mon, Jan 9: City Council Mtg 6pm City Hall
Wed, Jan 11: EDC Mtg 6pm City Hall
Tues, Jan 17: Parks & Rec Mtg 4:45pm City Hall
Wed, Jan 18: NYA Senior Center 10am-2pm Pavilion
Thurs, Jan 19: Senior Advisory Commission Mtg 9am City Hall
Mon, Jan 23: Workshop/City Council Mtg 5pm City Hall
Sun, Jan 29: St. John's School Chili Feed & Silent Auction
10:30am-1pm

NYA Food Distributions 2023 NYA City Hall Parking Lot 2:00-3:00pm

- Friday, January 6, 2023
 - Friday, February 10, 2023
 - Friday, March 3, 2023
- Drive-thru event while supplies last.
Event supported through the CAP
Agency and
Carver Co Public Health.



With
Deputy Voigt



'Tis That Time of Year...

The holiday's are supposed to be the time of the year for cherishing time with family and celebrating with friends. Unfortunately, it is also the time of year for bad people to take advantage of good people. Please use these simple tips as a friendly reminder when approached with situations that "just doesn't seem right."

- If you are taking a vacation over the winter or are lucky enough to be a "snowbird," try to remember to have your mail forwarded or halted until you get back, arrange for someone to shovel your driveway/walkway to make it look like someone is home, and put timers on lights to insinuate you are home. You are also welcome to call the Carver County Non-Emergency line at 952-361-1231 to request extra patrol in your neighborhood while you are gone.
- The IRS will NEVER call you for personal information. Do not give out any personal information about your address, birthday, social security number, banking, credit card info to anyone!
- If you receive a phone call from someone who says "Your grandchild is in jail and needs help" - it is NOT true. Make sure to never say your grandchild's name during this conversation—the scammer will use this personal information to further the conversation! Never give them bank account information or credit card numbers.

Hang up immediately and call your grandchild or family member directly to tell them about the phone call you received.

One more seasonal reminder—Please be aware that if it snows more than 2" a snow emergency does into effect starting at 2am. Your vehicle, trailers, and garbage cans MUST be removed from all city streets until they are cleared of snow. Also, please slow down to allow extra driving time during snow events!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Deputy Jordan Voigt



Ribbon Cutting Coming Soon!

Bevens Creek Inn is located in the Heritage Strip Mall at 640 Railroad Drive. Bevens Creek Inn is the only hotel on Hwy 212 in Carver County! The Inn was named after the actual "Bevens Creek" that runs through Carver and Sibley Counties. Look for a ribbon cutting welcome soon! For more information on the modern suites and its amenities, call 952-467-6897 or visit www.bevenscreekinn.com.